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Distressed Unit Appeal Board Meeting Memorandum

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Call to Order: A meeting of the Distressed Unit Appeals Board (DUAB or Board) was held on July 13, 2017, at 6:00 p.m. CDT at the Wirt-Emerson Visual and Performing Arts High Ability Academy Auditorium, 210 N. Grand Blvd., Gary, Indiana. Members of the Board attending the meeting include Micah Vincent, Chairman, Kent Hatcher, Paul Joyce, Courtney Schaafsma, Rep. Milo Smith and Sen. Eddie Melton.

Chairman Vincent began the meeting by thanking the City of Gary and Gary Community School Corporation (GCSC) for hosting the meeting. He also thanked the public in attendance and the emergency manager candidates for their interest in the selection process.

Chairman Vincent then stated that the purpose of the meeting is to hold presentations from those that applied for the emergency manager position for GCSC. He indicated that DUAB received thirteen applications from firms and individuals. DUAB narrowed the applicants down to seven who would be presenting at the meeting. Chairman Vincent said the presentations would be no more than 15 minutes in length and DUAB would then have the opportunity to ask questions. He stated that the goal for the presentations was to allow the public to know the candidates and their background.

Chairman Vincent asked the audience not to provide audible responses during the presentations. He said that there would be no verbal public comment taken during the meeting, but that interested individuals could provide written comment to DUAB by July 21. He stated that all comments are public record and subject to public information requests. Chairman Vincent stated that public comment would not be taken during the meeting to allow the public the opportunity to hear from all candidates and consider their proposals before commenting. Chairman Vincent also discussed the process for signing up for the DUAB email listserv.

Chairman Vincent indicated that DUAB anticipated selecting the emergency manager at the end of July and that the local media and the listserv would be notified when that meeting was scheduled. He also acknowledged that DUAB had spent the day interviewing the candidates. Chairman Vincent also expressed that DUAB and the Department of Education were committed to school opening on August 17.

Senator Melton thanked the audience for being engaged throughout the process. He also provided background on the situation facing GCSC and the process through which Senate Enrolled Act 567 was passed. Senator Melton indicated that this process presented an opportunity for the community to put the children first and to allow the community to place its trust back in GCSC. He encouraged the community to submit written comments.

Chairman Vincent acknowledged compliance with the Open Door Law and the presence of a quorum.

Presentations:

The first presentation was by MGT Consulting Group. Senator Melton and Chairman Vincent then asked questions of MGT Consulting Group.

The second presentation was by Gatekeeper Accounting Services, LLC. Senator Melton and Chairman Vincent then asked questions of Gatekeeper Accounting Services, LLC.

The third presentation was by Robert Bobb Group. Senator Melton and Chairman Vincent then asked questions of Robert Bobb Group.

The fourth presentation was by Bronner Group. Senator Melton and Chairman Vincent then asked questions of Bronner Group.

The fifth presentation was by Comer Capital Group. Representative Smith and Chairman Vincent then asked questions of Comer Capital Group.

The sixth presentation was by Martin, Arrington, Desai & Meyers, P.C. Senator Melton and Chairman Vincent then asked questions of Martin, Arrington, Desai & Meyers, P.C.

The seventh presentation was by Crowe Horwath LLP. Senator Melton and Chairman Vincent then asked questions of Crowe Horwath LLP.

New business: No new business was discussed at the meeting.

Adjournment: Chairman Vincent adjourned the meeting at 8:26 p.m CDT.